

## Church Matters.

## Religious Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Sunday-school prayer meeting, Sabbath, at 7 P. M. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7:45 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Ezra D. Simons, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school, 12 M. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Weekly prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Young People's Prayer Meeting Tuesday evening.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Duffield, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school, 2:30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7:45. Class meetings Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:45.

THE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Fremont street, corner Franklin. Rev. S. W. Duffield, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school, 12 M. Weekly prayer meeting at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlor.

CHRIST CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).—Liberty street. Rev. W. G. Farrington, D. D., Rector. Morning service, 10:30 o'clock; Sunday-school at 9:30 A. M.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardiello, Pastor. First mass, 8:30 A. M.; High mass, 10:30; Vespers, 3 P. M.; Sunday-school, 2:30 P. M.

BERKELEY UNION SABBATH SCHOOL.—Held in Berkeley school-house, Bloomfield Avenue, every Sunday, at 3 o'clock. P. M. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

WATERSHED M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. J. Cowans, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; Sunday-school, 2:30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7:45. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:45.

ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Watesshing).—Rev. Daniel I. Edwards, Rector. Morning service, 10:30 o'clock; evening service, 7:30; Sunday-school, 3 P. M.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John M. Emslie, Pastor. Hours of Service, 10:30 A. M. Sunday-school, 2 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, 7:45.

REFORMED CHURCH, BROOKDALE.—Rev. J. E. G. Day, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school, 9 A. M. E. G. Day, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

HOPE CHAPEL Sunday-school every Sabbath at 3:30 P. M. Mr. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

SILVER LAKE.—Sabbath-school held every Sunday, in the hall, at 3 P. M. Charles A. Hubbs, Superintendent. Gospel meeting every Sabbath evening at 7:45 o'clock. Weekly Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Watesshing.—The evening service will be at 7:30 o'clock instead of 8 as formerly. The Rev. Geo. H. Edwards, son of Rev. D. J. Edwards, is now in charge of this church. The attendance at the Services is steadily increasing.

S. S. TEACHERS' NORMAL CLASS for the study of the Lesson, under charge of Rev. W. H. Brodhead, will be held Wednesday evening, October 10th, in the First Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery of Newark.—The Presbytery of Newark met in regular Fair meeting in the Sunday-school rooms of the First Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and was called to order by the retiring Moderator, Rev. S. W. Duffield, and opened with prayer. The roll was then called by Rev. W. T. Findley, D. D., of Newark, the Stated Clerk, after which Rev. C. T. Haley, of Roseville, was chosen Moderator by acclamation, and Rev. Messrs. Wolff and Henderson were re-elected as assistant clerks. The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved, and the list of absentees called for, reasons for failure to attend past meetings.

The Committee on Arrangements (Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Chairman) reported the hours of meeting and adjournment, day and evening, and that the retiring Moderator's Sermon be preached at 7:30 on Wednesday evening. The Presbytery also accepted an invitation from Rev. Chas. E. Knox, D. D., the President, to attend the exercises of the German Theological Seminary at 5 o'clock.

The credentials of Mr. Emmanuel Cassin, an instrument in the Seminary, were presented by Dr. Seibert. They are from the Reformed Church in Basle, Switzerland. Mr. C. is of Jewish extraction, and a gentleman of high culture and ability. The committee appointed on the matter consisted of Dr. Seibert, Dr. Craven, and Dr. Wilson, whose report was not presented at this session of Presbytery, being deferred until the meeting of the Synod of New Jersey.

Rev. T. Willistone, of the Presbytery of Columbia, and Rev. W. Morison, of Lodi, India, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The matter of celebrating the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Martin Luther was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. S. W. Duffield, Rev. C. T. Haley, Rev. Dr. Seibert, Rev. Dr. Wilson, and Rev. Mr. Wolff. The report when adopted was to the following effect:

1. That the various pastors of the Presbytery take some special notice of the occasion in their services on Sunday, Nov. 11.

2. That a joint meeting be held in the First Church, Newark, on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 7; the Moderator of Presbytery (Rev. C. T. Haley) to preside, and three speakers, to be chosen by Presbytery, to address the audience.

3. That the German choirs of the Presbyterian, and other churches of Newark, be invited to form one large choir for the occasion.

4. That the care of printing, etc., be under the direction of the session of the First Church, Newark, and that this expense be borne by Presbytery.

The three speakers who were chosen were Rev. Drs. Frazer, Seibert, and Wilson. Rev. Mr. Wolff was made a special committee to secure the co-operation of the choirs, as proposed.

At the afternoon session Dr. Knox reported the German Seminary as having 24 students and 33 alumni—these last being all earnestly at work.

The Free Conversation on the State of Religion was then held, and the representatives of each church answering to their friends and giving the religious condition of their congregations. These reports were then summed up and presented to Presbytery in a brief statement by Rev. Mr. Duffield as Committee on Narrative. The general state of the churches is extremely harmonious and prosperous, and in all of them there seem to be decided anticipations of great good, soon to be positively developed.

A call to Rev. Edw. Schofield from the Knox Church was accepted by him, and he is soon to be installed.

Presbytery had very little business before it, and was through with it when it adjourned to visit the Seminary, where prayers and addresses were made by Rev. Chas. E. Knox, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Berry, of Montclair, Rev. C. T. Haley, Rev. D. R. Frazer, and Rev. C. T. Berry.

In the evening the Moderator's Sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel W. Duffield, from the text, "And say to Archippus, take heed to the ministry that thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it." (Col. iv, 17). The discourse developed three points: (1) That the ministry was a thing "received in the Lord"; (2) That it must be "fulfilled"; and (3) that it was to be "fulfilled."

Presbytery was then called to order, and adjourned with prayer, and the benediction, by the Moderator.

PARK M. E. SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

To create more interest and raise more money for the missionary cause, the scholars have been raising pumpkins during the summer. Two prizes were offered in the spring, when the seeds were distributed. One was for the largest pumpkin raised, and the other to the young lady making the best pumpkin pie. The B. B. S. Society, composed of members of the school, expect soon to hold a fair, at which time the crop of pumpkins will be placed on exhibition and for sale, and the pies will be tested by the judges. Some of the pumpkins are very large—see sample size in A. Taylor & Son's store, window display, desiring to purchase pumpkins for fall fair; and enter we should not fail to attend the fair. The pie judges have our sympathy in advance.

ESSEX COUNTY SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10th, will occur the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Essex Co. Sabbath-school Association. The meeting will be held in the Presbytery, Church of St. John, Orange, and will occupy the entire day and evening. Morning Session at 9:30, afternoon at 2 o'clock, evening at 7:15. The election of officers will take place at the close of the afternoon session. The following earnest Sabbath-school workers are expected to be present and address the Convention: Rev. T. E. Vassar, D. D., of Newark; Rev. J. Crawford, of Montclair; Rev. H. Veihage, Irvington; Rev. A. J. Steelman, Roselle; S. W. Clark, Sec. State S. S. Association; L. P. Thatcher; Rev. D. R. Frazer, D. D., Newark.

Every Sabbath school in the county is requested to send a large delegation. A collation will be served at the close of the morning and afternoon sessions, affording an opportunity for social reunion.

A on Church Organ.

The First Presbyterian Church are just putting in place one of the finest organs hereabouts, that it may supersede their old instrument, which for the present still faces it lugubriously at the other end of the audience room. The Erben organs are too well known to require any particular praise from us. In sweetness and power they have long been among the best that are made. The present instrument has twenty-eight stops, four couplers, and eleven mechanical accessories. There are 916 pipes in great variety, in the small and 81 in the pedais, making a total of 1,751, which is a sufficient variety for the utmost range of requirements. It has two manuals with a compass of CC to A3, and the pedais cover from CCC to D.

We observe with satisfaction that there is a fine selection of stops for soft and delicate music, as well as for the more robust and expanded tones. It particularly pleases us that there is a Bourdon in the swell and the pedais, and that there is also in the pedais a violoncello bass.

The Organ Concert which will be given with the instrument is introduced on the evening of Oct. 17, at 8 o'clock. S. N. Penfield, Mus. Doc. (organist of St. Mark's Church, New York city) will preside at the keys. He will be assisted by Miss Anna Trischet, soprano, and Mrs. L. Chapman, contralto. Tickets will be for sale next Monday morning at 7 o'clock at both Marsh's and Scheff's drug stores. The admission (including reserved seat) is 50¢. In the regular church services Mr. T. H. Ward is to be the organist and Mr. H. D. Biddleph the chorister, as heretofore. From the commanding position of the new organ behind the pulpit it can safely be anticipated that the concert will be more than usually enjoyable.

Wedding Bells.

For the first time in quite a while the First Baptist Church resounded with merry wedding chimes on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. E. D. Simons, assisted by the Rev. F. W. Stubbart, D. D., united in matrimony Miss E. Gilbert, daughter of Chas. Gilbert, to Edward E. Baldwin, son of Chas. H. Baldwin of Newark. The party, a small one, left the church about six o'clock when the organist, Mr. Miron Henshaw, began a wading march. Proceeded by Messrs. H. S. Rassbach and C. Cooper, ushers the bridal party entered, consisting of Miss Katie B. Stimpfle, first bridesmaid, and James C. Brown, groomsman, followed by the bride and groom, and second bridesmaid, Miss Lily Baldwin, and Seymour E. Gilbert, groomsman, with Mr. Herbert Cockefair and Edward Ennis, ushers, in the rear. The happy couple placed themselves before the altar, seated beneath a large oval mirror of green arch, where the nuptial knot was tied. The church was handsomely trimmed by the congregation, for whom the bride has rendered valuable assistance as organist. The ladies of the party were arrayed in costly cream colored costumes, profusely decorated with Marchal-Niel roses. The reception at the residence, on Franklin Street, lasted about four hours, when the happy couple departed, by coach, for Newark, where

they took the train for their wedding trip. About 100 guests attended the reception and offered their congratulations and best wishes. Fully 75 handsome presents were received by the bride, a large portion of them consisting of silver ware. Among the other things was a costly parlor lamp presented by the Church choir, and the attached cord was the first line of the old and appropriate song: "Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?" A quilt was presented by the grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Annie Baldwin, which contained 143 blocks, all of it being her own work. Altogether, the affair was a happy and pleasant one.

In Reply to "Jesse."

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

Your last issue contained an article by "Jesse" (whom I have reason to believe I can easily identify) about taxes, who makes assertions which I think facts will not justify. He asserts that the assessment is made "in a very unequal, unjust manner."

In reply to the above: The law makes it the duty of the Town Committee to go over, revise, and approve the assessments each year before the duplicate of taxes is handed to the collector, and they have generally pronounced the assessments to be as uniform as possible.

"Jesse" in his article refers to the property which he recently purchased on the west side of Ridgewood Ave., one south of Darwin's, for which he paid \$8,000, which I assessed at \$4,000, from which he appealed, and it was finally reduced to \$3,000 by the Commissioners. As to my own property on Hillside Ave., which is assessed at \$3,700, its cost, at the time I bought and built, \$5,00, which is assessed at about 55 per cent. of what it cost. At the time I built, five years ago, two other houses were built in the same neighborhood which I considered with the lots about the same value as my own. I assessed them at the same value as my own, and they have remained at the same assessment since, except where a barn has been built on one of the premises.

I could cite many similar cases. I would say further in regard to my property, within a few months "Jesse" sent a person to me to know what I would take for it. I replied it was not for sale. Finally I said if he would give \$8,000, he might have it. He replied he would not take it, which proved to be the fact. The property owned by "Jesse" contains about 1/4 acres, mine less than one-half an acre.

One word in regard to the valuation of property. The assessor is or should be governed to a great extent by what the property has brought at a fair sale. If property should be assessed at the price asked for it, it would make the assessments very unequal and unjust.

My only reason for replying to the article is that it is so personal that some explanation seemed to be needed. My books are open to the public for examination or comparison.

"Jesse" may have made a few mistakes in the valuation of property, but I think I can truly say I have endeavored to discharge my duties as assessor fairly and impartially.

Jos. K. OAKES.

Unequal Taxation.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

Permit me to add a hearty amen to the statement made by your correspondent "Jesse" in last week's paper, on "Unequal Taxation." In what way the assessor arrives at the valuation of real estate is a problem I have been unable to fathom. He cannot apply the same rule to all; if he did, the result would be very different, as the examples cited by "Jesse" are only a few instances of the many cases of "Unequal Taxation." Perhaps the assessor may be willing to enlighten the tax payer as to what basis he computes the valuation of real estate, it will be valuable information to some, if not all, of this class of citizens. I believe if all of the property in the township were assessed by one standard, the rate of taxation would be reduced quite a percentage. Hoping the assessor may arise and explain, I am,

Yours respectfully,

TAX PAYER.

Temperature.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

We are more glad than we can express that the Citizens' Association of Montclair has been successful in closing two Montclair saloons for violation of the laws regulating their business. What is Bloomfield doing with about thirty licensed houses of public entertainment? If the standards are so high, there is more to be done as far as speak, much less act, in favor of their enforcement. A few months to declare against the evils of intemperance some time since, but few would vote or act in harmony with their protestations and prayers. What can be done by the law abiding citizens of our town in maintenance of their rights on this question, or have temperance people no rights here?

THOS. P. DAY.

Notes on Horse Shoeing.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

In preparing the foot for the shoe, it is necessary to be well informed as to its natural form, in order to determine what extent it has been altered or destroyed by faulty shoeing. For example, if a horse has a flat foot, let it be improperly pared and the hoof shod, it will be immediately lame. If the horse is well shod, the hoof will be more likely to remain in its natural form.

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